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QUEUING SWITCH AND METHOD OF OPERATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

No fees are believed to be necessary, however, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and to please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.